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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 12-16, 18 and 19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-11, 17 and 20-22 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| <p>1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</p> <p>2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</p> <p>3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 12-16, 18, 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Arnett (5,559,922).

In regard to claim 1, Arnett discloses a cable management system, comprising: a patch panel 2 having a first connectivity interface 5 configured to connect with cables; and a wire manager 22 located proximate the patch panel 2, the wire manager 22 having a body with a curved interior contour, the wire manager 22 being oriented in a non-orthogonal relation to the patch panel 2 such that the body extends at a non-orthogonal angle from the first connectivity interface 5.

In regard to claim 12, Arnett discloses a frame 18, the wire manager 22 being mounted to the frame 18.

In regard to claim 13, Arnett discloses a frame 25 extending upward through the wire manager 22, wire manager 22 being mounted to the frame 25.

In regard to claim 14, Arnett discloses a wire manager 19 for retaining cables in a cable management system having a front face, the wire manager 19 comprising: side walls (see attached drawing), at least one of the side walls being configured to be located proximate a front face of the cable management system; a front wall (see attached drawing) joined to the side walls; and a back wall (see attached drawing) joined to the side walls, the front, back and side walls surrounding a cavity having a curved interior contour, the front and back walls extending at non-orthogonal angles from the side wall located proximate the front face such that the front and back walls extend at a non-orthogonal angle from the front face when the wire manager is located proximate the front face.

In regard to claim 15, Arnett discloses that the front, back and side walls form a semi-circular interior contour about the cavity.

In regard to claim 16, Arnett discloses that the side wall proximate the front face extends along a radial axis outward from a center of the cable management system.

In regard to claim 18, Arnett discloses that the back, side and front walls are formed integral with one another.

In regard to claim 19, Arnett discloses that the side walls flare outward from one another as the side walls extend from the back wall toward the front wall.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2-11, 17 and 20-22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: In regard to claim 2, the prior art fails to provide, teach or suggest the patch panel and the wire manager extend along a common non-linear path. In regard to claim 3, the prior art fails to provide, teach or suggest the patch panel and wire manager extend along a common circular arc. In regard to claim 4, the prior art fails to provide, teach or suggest a pair of wire managers mounted on opposite sides of the patch panel. In regard to claim 5, the prior art fails to provide, teach or suggest the patch panel and wire manager are joined to one another to be free-standing independent of a frame. In regard to claim 6, the prior art fails to provide, teach or suggest the wire manager and patch panel include adjoining sides that abut against one another. In regard to claims 7, 17, the prior art fails to provide, teach or suggest the body of the wire manager includes a convex back wall that bows into an interior cavity of the body. In regard to claim 8, the prior art fails to provide, teach or suggest the body of the wire manager includes back wall, side walls, front wall formed integral with one another. In regard to claim 9, the prior art fails to provide, teach or suggest the walls surrounding a cavity configured to hold cables. In regard to claims 10, 11, 20, the prior art fails to provide, teach or suggest a plurality of wire managers are stacked on one another. In regard to claim 21,

the prior art fails to provide, teach or suggest a bracket on one of the side walls, the bracket being configured to be secured to a frame. In regard to claim 22, the prior art fails to provide, teach or suggest an opening through one of the front, back and side walls to receive cables.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tho D. Ta whose telephone number is (571) 272-2014. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula A. Bradley can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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